

CM/ECF Project Update January, 2002

Here it is – the month we’ve all been waiting for. This is the month we convert from BANCAP to the new case management system! While not all the technical details of the conversion have been worked out yet, here’s what you will need to know:

- As of Monday, January 7 in Portland, and a future date in Bangor, our phones will be answered by an automated line for a month or so to free staff up to work on the testing of and conversion to the new system.
- As of close of business on Thursday, January 17, we will no longer be docketing into the BANCAP system.
- Both offices will be open to the public as usual on Friday, January 18.
- On Friday and Saturday, January 18-19, all BANCAP data will be converted to the new CM system. The conversion program can only handle a limited number of images, however, so not all existing images will be converted on this weekend.
- Once the conversion is complete, all Friday’s work will be docketed in the new system. Monday January 21 is the Martin Luther King Birthday holiday, so the court will be closed. This will be our time for checking and rechecking the conversion.
- If all goes as planned, we will open for business on Tuesday with a new case management system. Instead of accessing data through PACER or Web PACER, you will need to use the following address to access all newly entered data: ***ecf.meb.uscourts.gov***. You do not need to get a new PACER account number to access this site.
- If you are looking for documents that were imaged prior to January 18, and you do not find them using the above address, that means that the document image was not yet converted. You will be able to find all of these documents using the old Web PACER address: ***pacer.meb.uscourts.gov***. Once all the images are converted, this will no longer be necessary. As soon as we know how long it will take to convert all the images, we will let you know. Please remain flexible!
- We will be updating the web page frequently during this period to keep you informed of any and all changes that affect our customers.
- Once the conversion is complete, you will no longer be able to use the text PACER box in the Clerk’s offices – data will only be available through Web PACER.
- Once our staff has become comfortable with the new system, we will contact all of our early adapter volunteers about training for the ECF phase of the implementation.

We’d like to thank you in advance for all the patience you will show us as we go through this conversion, and to assure you that we will do our best to serve you as always and answer any questions you may have as we proceed with our new, state-of-the-art system.